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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

Dear Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action mailed October 12, 2001 (paper number 4) in connection with the above-captioned patent application. As the Action provided a three month period for reply, this paper is timely filed. Prior to further examination of this application, please take into consideration the following remarks.

#### Remarks

The present application originally included claims 1-19. By preliminary amendment filed with the initial application papers, claim 6 was canceled and claim 20 was added, thereby resulting in pending claims 1-5 and 7-20. Applicants note, however, that the Office Action Summary refers to claims 1-19, and that paragraph 1 of the DETAILED ACTION, while acknowledging the cancellation of claim 6, does not acknowledge the addition of claim 20, and while indicating that claims 7-9 have been renumbered as claims 6-8, further indicates that claims 1-19 are pending. As the confusion relating to the claim numbering does not affect the